



American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo  
Warden Message



**TO:** Consular Wardens

**FROM:** ACS Unit

**DATE:** August 17, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Tropical Depression Ana

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The U.S. Embassy is providing the following Warden Message for your information. Please circulate this to your constituents.

The Government of the Dominican Republic has discontinued the Tropical Storm Watch West of Punta Palenque on the South Coast of Hispaniola and extended the Tropical Storm Watch to include the entire North Coast of the Dominican Republic. A Tropical Storm Watch means that Tropical Storm conditions are possible within the Watch area, generally within 36 hours. Please be advised that tropical weather systems may often change course and that location outside of the area under alert does not guarantee that your area will not be affected, as effects can often be widespread.

The National Hurricane Center reports that Ana is expected to produce rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches with isolated maximum amounts of 6 inches over mountainous terrain. The Dominican Government's Center of Emergency Operations (COE), advises the population of the areas under the Watch to be alert for announcements from local authorities.

U.S. citizens should monitor local radio, the National Weather Service at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>, and local media to stay aware of any weather developments in their area. For official information from the Dominican Government regarding weather conditions, please visit the ONAMET website at <http://www.onamet.gov.do>. The Dominican Emergency Operations Center (COE) website can be found at [www.coe.gov.do](http://www.coe.gov.do). Minor tropical storms can develop into hurricanes very quickly, limiting the time available for a safe evacuation. Travelers should apprise family and friends in the United States of their whereabouts, and keep in close contact with their tour operator, hotel staff, and

local officials for evacuation instructions in the event of a weather emergency. Travelers should also protect their travel and identity documents against loss or damage, as the need to replace lost documentation could hamper or delay return to the United States.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail [acssantodom@state.gov](mailto:acssantodom@state.gov); web page [www.usemb.gov.do](http://www.usemb.gov.do).